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Second

BIENNIAL REPORT

OF THE

INSPECTORS AND WARDEN

OF THE

NEBRASKA STATE PRISON,

TO THE

LEGISLATURE

For the Years 1871 and 1872.

LINCOLN, NEB.
[illegible] STATE PRINTER.
1873.

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REPORT.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Nebraska:

As required by law, we herewith transmit our second biennial report pertaining to the general management and expenditures of the Prison, from November 30th, 1871, to November 30th, 1873.

THE PRISON.

We have striven not to organize and conduct the affairs of the Prison, that by proper legislative encouragement, improving and reforming results upon the convict would be secured.

To the Commutation Law and its results, we can speak in the most flattering terms. The prisoner is soon interested to know that there is but one law, enacted for his benefit, he must exhibit an improvement at present. It is the simplest idea of reward that can be offered to a prisoner.

The ordinary punishments of the Prison are: The wearing of stripes, hard labor during the day, confinement when not working or making or attending the usual religious exercises. If the convict transcends the rules of discipline laid down for the government of the Prison, he makes himself amenable to special penalties. He may be confined in a dark cell, on bread and water. A charge of misconduct is recorded against him, for which he loses his good time. He may, in aggravated cases, be compelled to wear the ball and chain.

Inventories to good conduct are: Diminution of sentence, kindness, and appeals to manhood and benevolence.

The food of the convict is plain, but of good quality and wholesome. A good supply of vegetables are grown annually on the Prison grounds, of which the convicts get a very liberal supply. Their sanitary condition has consequently been good.

During the past year, both instrumental and vocal music, together with an evening school and Bible class, have been introduced and established in the Prison, in all of which the prisoners take a very lively interest, and are very much improved thereby.

The department of the new Prison is now occupied by the officers and prisoners, which adds very much to the convenience of the officers and safety of the convicts.

The new buildings, so far as they have been constructed, are of first-class material and workmanship, and will be found to be a valuable addition to the State and contractors.

The funds received from the sale of lands will not be sufficient to complete all the buildings under contract. We therefore respectfully ask your honorable body to make such provisions as will enable us to prosecute the work to completion.

The management of the business affairs of the Prison, during the past year, has been attended with a good deal of embarrassment growing out of the fact that the last Legislature failed to make sufficient appropriations to meet the necessary expenditures.

The following is an estimate of appropriations necessary to meet the current expenses of the Prison for the years 1873 and 1874:

Warden's Salary	$ 1,000
Deputy Warden's Salary	1,000
Prison Physician	1,000
Prison Chaplain	600
Guard Duty	4,000
Fuel and Lights	4,000
Bread and Vegetables	1,000

[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]

[illegible]

His Excellency, the Governor, has the power to pardon a criminal before the expiration of his sentence. This clemency is frequently exercised through petitions signed by influential men or parties pleading mitigating circumstances. Prisoners are recommended for pardon by the Board of Inspectors and the Warden, in consideration of their good behavior while under sentence. This is well as far as it goes; still, as an incentive to well doing on the part of the convicts, our preference would be a commutation of sentence, or some time, rather than a direct pardon. A bill to this effect is earnestly recommended.

We append to this Report a complete statement of lands sold, [illegible] and for what amount. Also a statement of expenditures, [illegible] and for what purpose.

The reports of the Warden, Physician, and Chaplain, are transmitted with this report. The Warden's report gives in detail the [illegible] transactions, and an estimate of receipts and expenditures [illegible] two years.

In conclusion, it is our duty to return our heartfelt thanks to Warden H. [illegible] and his Deputy Warden, Mr. I. A. Harper, for the able and impartial manner in which they have performed their very difficult duties, and the kind and courteous manner in which all have been treated. To Dr. A. Patterson, Prison Physician, and Rev. H. C. Talbert, Chaplain, and Journals, our thanks are due for their constant attention to duty.

W. W. ANDREWS,

[illegible]

Inspectors.

SCHEDULE A.

Name of Debtor	Age	Residence	Amount	To Whom Sold	Price per Lot	Total	Date of Sale.

SCHEDULE A.—Continued.

Name of Prison	Number of Prisoners	Area	Yearly Rent	Price per Acre	Total	Date of Sale
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

SCHEDULE A—(*Continued.*)

[redacted]

[redacted]

SCHEDULE B.

Statement of Expenditures.

Date.	To Whom.	For What.	Amount.	Remarks.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Paid Moore Smith and Lamoreux on contract for labor and materials from Nov 30 1870 to Nov 30 1872 . . . $ [illegible]
From last report Nov 30 1870 . . . [illegible]

Total amount paid on contract . . . $ 113,044 00

Ten per cent. of the above, as additional security, has been retained by the State.

Paid for additional work $ 11 [illegible]

A duplicate bill of each and every account for incidental expenses, and estimates for work and materials, are on file in the Auditor's office, and also in this office, which we would be pleased to exhibit your Committee on Penitentiary at any time.

A detailed estimate of the cost of completing the buildings in accordance with plans and specifications will be found on file in this office.

WARDEN'S REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30th, 1871.

OFFICE OF THE WARDEN,
NEBRASKA STATE PRISON,
LINCOLN, December 1st, 1871.

To the Honorable Board of Inspectors of Nebraska State Prison:

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to submit the second Annual Report of the affairs of this Institution, for the year ending November 30th.

At the date of the last Annual Report, the

Number of convicts in the Prison was		28
Have since been received		38—66
Pardoned	14	
Discharged on expiration of sentence	4	
Recommended for new trial	1	
Escaped	11	30
Remaining in Prison		36

The following which I copy from the first annual Report of this Prison, I think explains

"I would call to your minds the governors' good time law, which has been adopted by some of the states with satisfactory result. I believe some plan to be adopted as to the number of hours per day each convict should labor. He has a strong motive to labor well, if ten hours' labor per day. Your honorable body cannot but see that this mode of sentence is defective."

Since my connection with the Institution [illegible] the behavior of the convicts has been unusually good. No convict has refused to labor, and I observe that there is an increasing disposition on the part of the convicts to spend the evening hours, after work, in reading and study. There has been but little punishment, and no punishment except what has been caused by want of proper accommodations to keep the convicts in separate apartments.

It is impossible to enforce and maintain a proper standard of discipline where a large number of men are confined in one room, or to prevent unnecessary intercourse and evil.

Experience in prison discipline [illegible] England and in this country, has clearly established that the solitary and silent system is best. It gives complete control over the convict, maintains perfect order, and [illegible] It gives the convict time for reflection, and is favorable to his reformation, [illegible] the best good of the convict [illegible]

The temporary building is in the worst [illegible] for the purposes to which it is applied. It [illegible] We are compelled to use [illegible] for eating, sleeping, and hospital purposes.

The cells in the main building occupy a portion of the same apartment, which is entirely inadequate for the present and prospective needs of the Prison.

The number of convicts will soon be augmented, as several prisoners already sentenced will shortly be here.

One female convict is [illegible] in the county jail, till suitable place is provided for her at the Prison, which can not be until the new building is finished. It is hoped that the contractors will be able to complete it this winter.

Convicts will be able to work a greater number of hours when moved into the new building, and the temporary building can be used for a workshop.

The amount of convict cloth and clothing materials on hand when I assumed charge of this Prison was very limited. The convicts were destitute of proper clothing for labor out of doors and the stock of provisions and supplies was almost exhausted.

As winter was approaching, and the majority of the convicts were employed on stone work and rough labor, the purchase of a large amount of clothing and material for clothing, besides provisions and other supplies, has been necessitated during the past two months.

Nearly all of the clothing is manufactured within the Prison by convict labor.

A number of convicts whose health unfitted them for contract labor, have been employed in building a stable, rebuilding the cellar, and repairing the superstructure, all of which has been done without expense to the State.

My efforts to secure a degree of discipline that shall be creditable to the Institution have been ably seconded and assisted by Mr. Lewis, the Deputy Warden, who is an efficient, prudent, and vigilant officer.

The Guards and other officers have also performed the services of their respective departments with zeal and fidelity to the interests of the State.

For the statistics contained in this Prison I would respectfully refer your body to the Physician's Report.

HENRY P. CAMPBELL,

Warden.

The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditures for the past year and amount due:

Received from			$ 91 50
"			20 34
"			2 00
"			1[illegible] 81
"	"		201 15
"	"		4 00
"	"		1 00
"	"		27 94
"	"		4 00
"	"		214 81
"			[illegible] 12
"			21 45
"			$ [illegible] $ [illegible]

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES FROM DATE OF [illegible]

[illegible]	$ [illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	$ [illegible] $ [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]	$ [illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]

[illegible]

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES FOR

[illegible]

[illegible]	$ 40 00	
[illegible]	340 84	
[illegible]	18 00	
[illegible]	11 00	
[illegible]	307 70	
[illegible]	$ 47 00	
[illegible]	15 00	
[illegible]	2 50	
[illegible]	3 25	
[illegible]	23 00	
[illegible]	130 00	
[illegible]	300 00	
[illegible]	300 00	
[illegible]	75 00	
[illegible]	75 00	
[illegible]	$ 00	$1,731 00

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES FOR

[illegible]

[illegible]	$ 150 00	
[illegible]	50 00	
[illegible]	25 00	
[illegible]	108 17	
[illegible]	15 00	
[illegible]	00 07	
[illegible]	11 50	
[illegible]	279 50	
[illegible]	17 00	
[illegible]	16 50	
[illegible]	35 11	
[illegible]	187 50	
[illegible]	75 00	
[illegible]	25 00	
[illegible]	$ 00	$1,000 00

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES FOR JUNE, 1871.

F W Heilmann, supplies	$ 744 90	
W W Wilson, team, wagon, and harness	400 00	
T W Taylor, meat	181 80	
John H Meyer, wood	80 00	
Charles Cameron, groceries	18 25	
A C Elliot, drugs	34 75	
Reed Bros, drugs	36 40	
J Burk, milk	8 04	
Cash re-discharged prisoners	30 00	
T C Fielding, cash expenses	18 65	
T C Fielding, salary as Warden	125 00	
Leroy Boyce salary as Deputy Warden	40 00	
A Patterson medical services	75 00	
J J Roberts, Chaplain	25 00	
Joseph A Pinchon, salary as Deputy Warden	100 00	
J J Turner shackles	177 00	
Reddick Bros, printing	34 80	
Balance of regular Guards for June	$ 435 65	$ 2,440 74

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES FOR JULY, 1871.

F W Heilmann supplies	$ 691 67	
T W Taylor, meat	122 80	
Reed Bros drugs	81 15	
Joseph Moff ice	15 20	
Jacob Burk milk	7 20	
J H Allard repairing harness	2 00	
Cash re-discharged prisoners	7 00	
T C Fielding cash expenses	6 70	
T C Fielding salary as Warden	125 00	
Leroy Boyce salary as Deputy Warden	75 00	
A Patterson medical services	75 00	
J J Roberts Chaplain	25 00	
Balance of regular Guards	$ 119 86	$ 1,350 38

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES FOR AUGUST, 1871.

F W Heilmann supplies	$ 418 85	
Reed Bros. drugs	57 60	
Frank Bonner, mending shoes	20 50	
Taylor & Bro. meat	170 80	
J Mull hay	24 85	

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

H. C. Campbell, salary as Warden	$ 125 00	
Levi Bacon, salary as Deputy Warden	75 00	
Dr. A. Patterson, medical services	75 00	
Balance of regular pay roll	321 00	$1,114 16

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES FOR NOVEMBER, 1875.

T. W. Tarbell, [illegible]	$ 127 50	
J. M. H. Newman, [illegible]	56 25	
Dr. J. Harris, [illegible]	4 00	
[illegible]	100 00	
[illegible]	225 00	
J. T. Farnum, [illegible]	75 00	
H. H. [illegible]	10 00	
W. W. Wood, [illegible]	10 00	
[illegible]	2 00	
[illegible]	10 00	
[illegible]	3 00	
[illegible]	8 00	
[illegible]	3 00	
[illegible]	150 00	
H. A. Smith, salary as Warden	125 00	
[illegible]	75 00	
[illegible]	75 00	
[illegible]	75 00	
P. A. Rice, Manufacturing [illegible]	150 00	$ 1,114 16
Total		$[illegible]

[illegible]

Total Expenses for [illegible]	$ 1,114 16	
January	1,045 16	
February	1,127 11	
March	1,100 00	
April	1,000 00	
May	1,114 16	
June	1,000 00	
July	1,000 00	
August	1,000 00	
September	1,000 00	
October	1,000 00	
November	1,114 16	$12,715 55
Total amount of Receipts and Dues		10,000 00
Amount of Expenses over Receipts		$ 2,715 55

CONVICTS DISCHARGED BY PARDON DURING THE YEAR ENDING SEPT. 30, 1871.

Name	Date
Bear, J. K.	June 6, 1871
Browning, Robert	July 17, 1871
Clair, Richard	June 5, 1871
Conrad, Melvin	May 31, 1871
Dowd, Albert	Nov. 25, 1871
Ewen, James	May 12, 1871
Gillark, Andrew	Dec 13, 1870
Halman, Joseph H	Jan 30, 1871
Jones, Robert	June 14, 1871
Little, Archibald M	Dec 3, 1870
Malin, Patrick	Sept. 9, 1871
Reardon, Cornelius	Sept. 19, 1871
Smith, Wm P	June 23, 1871
White Cloud, Jefferson	Jan 30, 1871

CONVICTS RELEASED BY COMMUTATION, DURING THE YEAR ENDING SEPT 30, 1871

Name	Date
Baker, Edward	April 26, 1871
Cole, William	June 1, 1871
Conner	Sept 19, 1871
Columbus	Sept 19, 1871

REMANDED FOR NEW TRIAL

Name	Date
Baker, Gilbert	Aug 31, 1871

NAMES OF CONVICTS.

Name	Age	Occupation	County	Crime	Term of Sentence	Date of Sentence
[illegible]	[illegible]	Laborer	Cass	Burglary	Two years	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Cass	Burglary	Seven years	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Douglas	Manslaughter	Five years	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Laborer	[illegible]	Murder	Ten years	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Dixon	Murder	Life	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Douglas	Larceny	Two years	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Manslaughter	Six months	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Lancaster	Larceny	Four years	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Laborer	[illegible]	Murder	Life	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Larceny	Four years	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Douglas	Assault with deadly weapon	10 years	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Dixon	Murder	Life	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Dodge	Counterfeiting	Three years	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Dodge	Assault with intent to kill	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Farmer	[illegible]	Larceny	Six years	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Laborer	[illegible]	Obstructing railroad	Five years	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Larceny	One year	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Dixon	Murder	Life	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Laborer	[illegible]	Manslaughter	Ten years	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Farmer	[illegible]	Manslaughter	Ten years	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Larceny	One year	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Farmer	Richardson	Murder	Life	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Farmer	Richardson	Murder	Life	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Dodge	Larceny	One year	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Sarpy	Murder	Life	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Dixon	Murder	Life	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Dixon	Murder	Life	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Laborer	Lincoln	Obstructing railroad	Five years	April 12, 1871

WARDEN'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30th, 1872.

OFFICE OF THE WARDEN,
NEBRASKA STATE PRISON,
LINCOLN, DEC. 1, 1872.

To the Honorable Board of Inspectors of Nebraska State Prison:

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to submit the third Annual Report of the affairs of this Institution.

At the date of the last annual Report, the

Number of convicts in the Prison was		25
Received from the Courts		36
Escaped convict recaptured		1
Total		58
Pardoned by the Governor	14	
Released on commutation	3	
Escaped	11	
Died	19	
Remaining in Prison		40

I again respectfully call your attention to the prisoners' good time law or commutation act enacted March 9th, 1871, and recommend that it be amended so as to allow a deduction of two months for each year for the first two or three years, instead of one month, as the law now is.

I also recommend that the Governor be authorized to offer a reward for the arrest and return of escaped convicts in addition to the amount which the law now authorizes.

The conduct of the convicts has been unusually good. There is much interest taken by them in the evening school and Bible class.

Several who were unable to read or write when first confined in the Institution have acquired a fair knowledge of reading, writing and mathematics.

I have been ably assisted in fulfilling my duties as Warden by Mr. L. A. Harmon, Deputy Warden, who has filled his position very efficiently.

The Steward and other officers have also faithfully performed the duties of their respective departments.

I feel under obligations to His Excellency Hon. Wm. H. James, as well as to your Honorable body, for the many kindnesses extended to me during the past year.

For the sanitary condition of the Prison I respectfully refer your Honorable body to the Physician's Report. I earnestly recommend that the salary of the Physician be increased to at least one thousand Eleven dollars per annum.

There are upwards of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) of unpaid accounts for the past year, for which there is no appropriation. For the year 1871 there will be needed for the expenses of the Prison at least Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000). In addition to the above amount, there will be needed a small sum probably Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) for fitting up the new building which we now occupy. The expenses for 1871 will, in my estimation, exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000). It is impossible to state accurately, as the increase in the number of convicts is uncertain. Since September, 1870, the population of the Prison has nearly doubled, judging from which it would, I think, be safe to estimate the number of convicts for the year 1871 at 50, and for the year 1872 at 60.

Respectfully,

HENRY C. CAMPBELL,

Warden.

CONVICTS PARDONED DURING THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30TH, 1872.

Name	Date
Beatty, John W.	Dec. 26th, 1871.
Stoddard, N. P.	Jan. 9th, 1872.
Harry James	April 16th, 1872.
Clark, Charles	April 19th, 1872.
Hernandez, Joseph	May 29th, 1872.
Riley, Thomas	June 6th, 1872.
Holt, Charles H.	June 12th, 1872.
Reynolds, J. P.	June 25th, 1872.
Ward, Jack	July 27th, 1872.
Smith, F. R.	Sept. 4th, 1872.
Wilson, M. V. H.	Sept. 9th, 1872.
Steel, S. C.	Sept. 13th, 1872.
Porterfield, T. H. B.	Nov'r 1st, 1872.
Verdugo, Charles	Nov'r 2nd, 1872.

CONVICTS REMANDED BY COMMUTATION DURING THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30TH, 1872.

Name	Date
Castle, Frank	Feb'y 1st, 1872.
Klum, Peter	May 24th, 1872.
Graham, James	Sept. 19th, 1872.
Ramos, Joseph	Sept. 20th, 1872.
Jones, Charles	Sept. 20th, 1872.

NAMES OF CONVICTS IN PRISON DECEMBER 1ST, 1872.

No.	Name of Convict.	County.	Crime.	When Sentenced.	Length of Sentence.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

EXPENSES OF NEBRASKA STATE PRISON

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30TH, 1872.

Number	EXPENSES DURING 1872	
No. 1	L. Meyer, salary Deputy Warden	$ 75 00
" 2 to 12 inclusive	Salaries of Guards	825 00
" 13	L. Meyer, pork	15 00
" 14	A. Patterson, Physician's salary	75 00
" 15	H. T. Campbell, Warden's salary	150 00
" 16	J. & J. T. McConnell, supplies	65 50
" 17	D. May blankets and clothing	54 81
" 18	Wm. & Co. hardware	30 00
" 19	Lowe & Brownell printing	15 00
" 20	D. Robertson, milk	2 00
" 21	J. & D. Newsom, supplies	51 21
" 22	Thomas Orwell, groceries	200 00
" 23	L. T. Parr, supplies	46 75
" 24	T. W. Taylor & Co. wood	117 50
" 25	Leighton & Brown, drugs	10 00
" 26	Thomas Orwell, feed	100 00
" 27	Lowe & Brownell, printing	21 00
" 28	A. Meyer & Co. wood	200 00
" 29 and 30	H. T. Campbell, warden	$ 75 00 — $ 2114

Number	JAIL AND PRISON	
No. 1	Meyer & Jamieson, supplies	$911 32
" 2 to 10 inclusive	Salaries of Guards	675 00
" 11	H. T. Campbell, Warden's salary	150 00
" 12	L. A. Mortimer, Deputy Warden's salary	75 00
" 13	Jas. McClure, wood	49 50
" 14	J. E. Burnett, wood	200 00
" 15	H. T. Campbell, cash supplies	50 00
" 16	J. N. Burbee, wood	$100 00 — $ 2,170 82

Number	EXPENSES DURING 1872	
No. 1 to 8 inclusive	Salaries of Guards	$600 00
" 11	L. A. Mortimer, salary Deputy Warden	75 00
" 12	H. T. Campbell, salary Warden	$150 00 — $ 825 00

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Vouchers	EXPENSES [illegible]		
No. [illegible]	[illegible] Salary of Guards	$[illegible] 00	
" [illegible]	I. A. Harmon, Deputy Warden's salary	[illegible] 00	
" [illegible]	H. C. Campbell,	$[illegible] 00 —	$[illegible] 00

Vouchers	EXPENSES [illegible]		
No. 1	I. A. Harmon, Deputy Warden's salary	$ [illegible] 00	
2	H. C. Campbell,	[illegible] 00	
	[illegible]	[illegible] 00	
	A. Henry, fuel	$[illegible] 00 —	$[illegible] 00

Vouchers	EXPENSES IN PUBLIC [illegible]		
	T. H. Dyke, [illegible]	$ [illegible] 00	
No. 1	H. C. Campbell, Warden's salary	[illegible] 00	
	I. A. Harmon, Deputy Warden's salary	$ [illegible] 00 —	$[illegible] 00

[illegible]

EXPENSES [illegible]

	H. A. Talbot, Chaplain, [illegible] year's salary	$[illegible] 00	
	A. Peterson, Physician	[illegible] 00	
	H. C. Campbell, Warden's salary	[illegible] 00	
	I. A. Harmon, Deputy Warden's salary	[illegible] 00	
	J. A. Bruton, wood	$[illegible] 00 —	$ [illegible] 00

REPORT OF PHYSICIAN.

LINCOLN, NEB., Dec. 1, 1872.

To the Inspectors of the Nebraska State Prison:

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to report that the general health of the prisoners is better, and has been during the fall and winter, than at any former period. With this exception, there has been the usual amount of sickness, the character of complaints being similar to preceding years. A large proportion, as usual, were venereal, and, although there were quite a number of serious cases, they were not of a character to call for special mention, or justify a tabulated statement. It affords me a great deal of pleasure to be able to report, at the end of the third year, that there has never been a death among the prisoners.

Sometimes the utmost vigilance of the Prison Physician is necessary in order to circumvent the cunning of malingerers. They resort to the most ingenious expedients to deceive the Physician, in order to be reported on the sick list and excused from duty, or assist their friends in the same confidence game. I think, by the watchfulness and cooperation of the Warden and Deputy Warden, that kind of enterprise have been pretty effectually suppressed.

I have no suggestions to make. Every reasonable provision has been made for the care of the sick or the improvement of the sanitary condition of the Institution, by the Prison authorities, as occasions presented themselves. Where arrangements are only temporary, much depends on the prompt action of those in immediate authority, as emergencies occur.

The present healthy condition of the prisoners is due, in a great measure, to the quality and kind of food provided. The garden belonging to the Prison supplied an abundance of vegetables during the past season, which contributed largely to the prisoners'

daily rations. It is an excellent plan in a sanitary view, as well as an economical arrangement.

I desire to express my thanks to your Honorable body, and to the Warden and Deputy Warden for kindness and courtesies shown me.

Your obedient servant,

ARTHUR PATTERSON,

Prison Physician.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA,
Nov. 30th, 1872.

To Messrs. Abbey, Arnold, and Templin, Inspectors State Prison:

GENTLEMEN. I have officiated regularly at the Prison during the year, having missed my appointment but twice during the time.

The humane and efficient management of the Institution has greatly facilitated my efforts in behalf of the prisoners, whose moral and religious condition is certainly all that could be desired.

The books on hand, appropriated to the purpose, have been supplemented by books for their use, and each convict is furnished with a variety of religious newspaper once a week.

I cannot allow this opportunity to pass without putting on record my conscientious conviction that the seven young Indians sent for murder from [illegible] county should be immediately recommended to the clemency of the Executive of the State. The Superintendent of Indian Affairs, Barnes White, after making diligent examination, has assured me that, in his opinion, the ends of justice and morality have been fully satisfied in their case, and that their release would have a marked effect for good on the tribe to which they belong.

One of these Indians is a consumptive, pining away daily, and must certainly die, unless released from confinement.

I remain, gentlemen,

Yours very respectfully,

R. C. TALBOTT,

Chaplain State Prison.